Import of gas

†902. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic production of gas has been increased with its increasing demand in the country;

(b) if so, the difference between demand and supply of gas in the country from the years 2002-03 to 2004-05;

(c) the increase in terms of percentage in the domestic production of gas during the above period;

(d) whether the demand of gas met through import; and

(e) if so, the percentage of demand of gas met through import during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The domestic production has increased marginally from 86.01 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) in 2002-03 to 87.03 MMSCMD in 2004-05. The details regarding domestic gas production and gas sales by ONGC, OIL and Private/JV Companies as well as demand projection as per the 10th Five Year Plan are given below:—

(MMSCMD)

	Demand	Domestic gas production	Domestic gas sales
2002-03	145	86.01	70.88
2003-04	155	87.56	73.30
2004-05	176	87.03	72.60

(c) There has been marginal increase of 373 MMSCMD i.e 1.18% in gas production during 2004-05 as compared to 2002-03.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. To meet the growing gap in demand and supply of natural gas, LNG has been considered as a viable option. The total LNG

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imported by Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) was around 8.78 MMSCMD in 2004-05 which is around 5% of total estimated demand in the country.

Production of petroleum products from new reserves

†903. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petroleum and natural gas reserves have been found in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantity of petroleum products produced so far from petroleum and natural gas reserves explored during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Oil and natural gas reserve accretion in 2004-05 was 217.54 Million Metric Tonnes. The discoveries made in the last 3 years are under appraisal except one block CB-ONN-2000/2, from where gas production upto June, 2005 was 118.62 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres.

National Bio-fuel Policy

†904. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposal for formulating National Bio-fuel Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are going to consider this proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission had set up a

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